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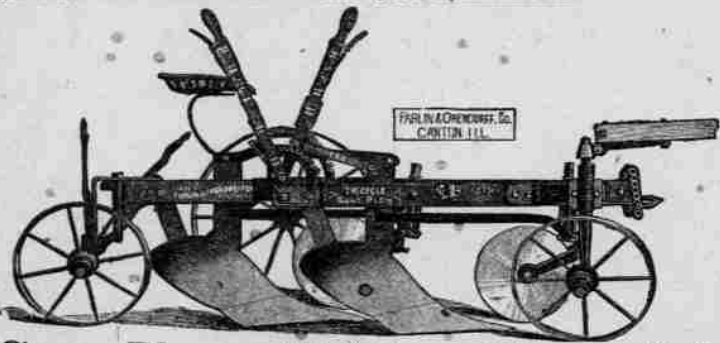
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They Didn't Take a Paper.
A preacher of this section, since deceased used to tell the following: He said he was in Letcher county preaching on one occasion when he stopped at a farmhouse to get some dinner. While eating, the lady of the house inquired his business, and he replied: "I am hunting the lost sheep of Israel."

She left the room and in a few minutes returned with her husband, when she said: "This man is hunting some stray sheep, and I'll bet that old long wool ram that's been around here is his'n."

"No, sister, you don't understand me. I am hunting sinners; those for whom Christ died."

"And is he dead?" she queried.

"Yes," replied the man of God, astonished at her ignorance.

"And buried too, I reckon?"

"Oh, yes; long ago."

"There, now, old man; I told you we'd die in ignorance for not taking a newspaper."—Hazel Green (Ky.) Herald.

City School Finances.

Financial report of the Great Bend School District for the fiscal year ending July 1, 1897.

Bond	\$500.00
Interest coupons	825.00
Interest	900.00
General fund warrants not paid for want of funds July 1, 1896	\$2,225.00
Expenditures, care of grounds	\$2,116.21
Lumber and nails	29.00
Labor and repairs	43.17
General supplies	79.30
Freight and drayage	239.28
Sundries	12.98
Printing	6.82
Taking enumeration	15.70
Examiners	10.15
Clerk's salary	39.00
Coal and kindling	23.83
Teachers	469.80
Janitors	5,727.50
	670.64
	\$7,884.56
	6368.77
Not paid for want of funds	\$1,515.79
CASH	
Cash on hand interest and sinking fund July 1, 1896	\$343.37
Received from county treasurer	\$783.31
	\$3126.78
	2225.00
Cash balance sinking fund	\$393.78
Received from county treasurer	\$5708.64
during the year	\$5708.64
State fund	649.88
Tuition	10.25
	\$6368.77
Bonds due and unpaid	\$1500.00

Sunday School Picnic.

There will be an S. S. picnic, August 21st, at the Hoge grove, 5 1/2 miles south and 4 1/2 miles west of Great Bend. This is one of the best groves in the county, plenty of shade, an water for teams. Everybody cordially invited.

Mr. M. Gillmore is visiting friends in the east.

Isom Wright has about recovered his usual strength again.

Trinidad Nut coal, \$3.50 per ton, at Allison Bros.

Mrs. Whitney, of Larned, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Chas. Zutavern.

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Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Lindas spent last Sunday visiting friends and relatives in Pawnee Rock and Larned.

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Von W. Boes of Sterling, and Miss Edmonia Paxton, of Larned, were married in the county clerk's office, this city, last Thursday, Justice B. F. Ogle officiating.

Mr. Isaac Reynolds, of the city school board, furnishes the DEMOCRAT a statement of the condition of the city school finances, which statement will be found elsewhere in this paper.

J. Nelson & Co., of Great Bend have opened up a fruit store in the Shoots & Arter block, and are intending to handle and carry in stock a full line of fruits in their season. They respectfully solicit a share of public patronage.

—LaCrosse Cheftain.

Miss Carolyn Hall, of Wichita, was in the city last Saturday in the interests of the "Wichita Relief Home," an institution for the aiding and reclaiming of fallen women. She says she met with very liberal treatment at the hands of the good citizens of Great Bend.

Prof. E. B. Smith, of the Central Normal College of this city, lectured to the students of the Rush county normal, at LaCrosse, last Thursday, upon the subject: "Teaching as a Profession, and its Effects on the Teacher." The LaCrosse papers speak very highly of the excellence of the lecture.

A minister in Cass county wrote to Washington in behalf of the residents of a growing hamlet asking that a post office be added to its institutions. The request was favorably received and he was asked to suggest a name that would be acceptable to his neighbors. He replied that they were not hard to please; so long as the name was peculiar. The post office department took him at his word, and "Peculiar" is the name of the place to-day.

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LEGAL NOTICES.

[First published in the Democrat August 5, 1897]
NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

The State of Kansas } ss.
Barton County }
In the Probate Court in and for said county:
In the matter of the estate of Frank B. Schuster, deceased.
Creditors and all others interested in the above-entitled estate are hereby notified that I shall apply to the Probate Court, in and for said county, sitting at the court house in Great Bend, county of Barton state of Kansas, on the 25th day of August, A. D. 1897, for a full and final settlement of said estate.
[SEAL.] Mrs. LOUISE SCHUSTER, Administratrix of the estate of Frank B. Schuster, deceased.
Great Bend, Kansas July 25, A. D. 1897. 30-25

[First published in the Democrat August 5, 1897]
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION FOR PROOF OF WILL.

The State of Kansas } ss.
Barton County }
Estate of Joseph C. Scott, deceased.
Addison V. Scott, James A. Scott et al., known heirs at law of Joseph C. Scott late of said county, deceased, and all others concerned:
You are hereby notified that at a regular term of the Probate Court of Barton county, Kansas, held on the 2nd day of August, 1897 there was opened and publicly read an instrument of writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Joseph C. Scott late of said county, deceased; and you are further notified, that the 27th day of August 1897 has been set as the day for the final hearing and proof of said Will at which time all persons interested may appear and show cause why the same should not be admitted to probate.
30-25 L. C. BREKIDEN, Probate Judge.

[First published in the Democrat August 12, 1897]
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Land Office at Dodge City, Kansas, August 7, 1897.
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Probate Judge of Barton County, Kansas, at Great Bend, Kansas, on September 17th, 1897, viz: Emma Larkin, H. E. No. 11, 217, (L. S.) for the S. E. 1/4 of Section 14, Township 18 North, Range 14 West, Thirteenth West. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz:
William Cook, of Great Bend, Kansas.
Chas. L. Johnson, of Herington, Kansas.
Andrew James, of Herington, Kansas.
Frank Jones, of Herington, Kansas.
21-26 J. W. LEE, Register.

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John Miller, of Millard, Kansas.
Henry Knies, of Millard, Kansas.
Frank Millard, of Millard, Kansas.
Charles Hall, of Millard, Kansas.
21-26 J. W. LEE, Register.

[First published in the Democrat August 12, 1897.]

PUBLICATION NOTICE.

Anna Dorothea Schacht, plaintiff, vs. Frederick Schacht, defendant.
In the District Court of Barton County, Kansas. To Frederick Schacht, the above named defendant: You will take notice that you have been sued in the 20th Judicial District Court within and for Barton County, State of Kansas, by the above named plaintiff, Anna Dorothea Schacht, who filed a petition in the office of the clerk of said court on the 3rd day of August, A. D. 1897, praying for a decree of divorce from the bonds of matrimony contracted with you on the 15th day of January, 1893 at the city of Husum, Germany, on the ground of extreme cruel treatment and gross neglect of duty, and unless you, the said defendant, answer said petition on or before the 22nd day of September, A. D. 1897, said petition will be taken as true and the bonds of matrimony existing between the said plaintiff and defendant and contracted as aforesaid be dissolved and judgment rendered for a decree of divorce in said action in accordance with the prayer of said petition.
[SEAL.] By J. H. BREKIDEN, Her Attorney.
[ATTY.] F. G. STROTHMAN, Clerk of District Court.

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RAILROAD TIME TABLES.

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GOING EAST.
No. 6, Eastern Ex. 9:07 a. m.
No. 8, Atlantic Ex. 5:55 p. m.
No. 74, way freight 12:10 p. m.

GOING WEST.
No. 9, Colorado and Utah Ex. 7:52 p. m.
No. 7, Kansas City & Jettmore Ex. 9:07 a. m.
No. 73, Way Freight 10:30 a. m.

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